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SUBJ: MARINE AMPHIBIOUS UNIT LANDING EXERCISE (MAULEX)

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1. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT NAME OF EXERCISE HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO REFLECT CURRENT COMPOSITION OF UNITS INVOLVED. IN RECHECKING WITH EXERCISE PLANNERS HERE, WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT EXERCISE IS STILL A THREE-BATTALION SIZED OPERATION. CONFUSION MAY BE RESULT OF TYPES OF UNITS BEING EMPLOYED. AS WE NOW UNDERSTAND IT, US MARINES WILL EMPLOY ONE BATTALION LANDING TEAM. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY ONE STANDARD BATTALION AUGMENTED WITH ENGINEERING AND OTHER UNITS. SIZE OF TOTAL US FORCE WILL THUS BE ROUGHLY EQUAL IN SIZE TO ONE AND ONE-HALF BATTALIONS. ROK MARINES WILL FIELD A SIMILAR FORCE, GIVING A TOTAL SIZE EQUAL TO THREE BATTALIONS.

2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE FROM EARLIER MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT, EMBASSY WAS LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS OPERATION, BUT AGREED IN THE END TO THE KANGNUNG LOCATION BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THE OPERATION. WE ALSO AGREE THAT TEAM SPIRIT ACHIEVED AS MUCH PUBLICITY AS WE NEED THIS

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YEAR. WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO DEPARTMENT'S AGAIN RAISING WITH DOD THE POSSIBILITY OF MOVING EXERCISE BACK TO THE POHANG AREA, HOWEVER THE NSC MIGHT BE A BETTER CHANNEL FOR SUCH AN INITIATIVE.

3. IT SEEMS POSSIBLE ROK IS ALSO LESS THAN FULLY COMMITTED TO THIS EXERCISE. UNC PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE

EXERCISE HAVE ADVISED US INFORMALLY THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT ROK MARINES MAY PULL OUT. THE FINAL POSITION OF THE ROK MARINES WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL NEXT WEEK. SHOULD THEY PULL OUT WE WOULD, OF COURSE, REQUEST EXERCISE BE RESCHEDULED FURTHER SOUTH.

4. EMBASSY INTENDS RAISE THIS MATTER WITH SENIOR UNC OFFICERS, AT A MINIMUM TO INSURE THAT UNC IS NOT EXERTING PRESSURE ON ROK MARINES TO GO THROUGH WITH THE EXERCISE. WILL ADVISE FURTHER FOLLOWING SUCH DISCUSSIONS.
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